

REMARKS

Main claim 21 recites that the resilient element 236 of Fig. 12 is compressed by movement of said one of the components, e.g., lens 216. The Examiner held that the lens drive 174 is "compressed" by movement of the lens 172a, 172b in Fig. 16b of Barkan.

Applicants can find no basis for the Examiner's determination that the drive 174 is compressible. Indeed, even the Examiner acknowledged that the physical moving mechanism is not shown in Barkan. What Barkan does show, however, is that the drive 174 is connected to a microprocessor 180 (see Fig. 16b, col. 15, lines 6-7). Thus, with its movement control directed by a microprocessor, it is evident that the drive 174 is not a resilient element which is compressible, but instead is an electro-mechanical transducer.

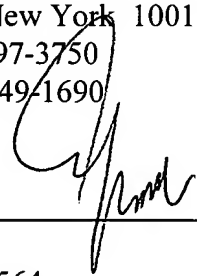
Favorable consideration of new main claim 21 is respectfully requested since it emphasizes that the element is resilient, e.g., a foam block (as recited in new claim 27). Also, the new dependent claims 28-33 recite additional features depicted in Fig. 12, all of which are not shown in, or suggested by, the applied art.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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